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Dear Counsel:

The Katahdin Counsel Recognition Program is the Maine Supreme Judicial Court's primary means of recognizing the extraordinary contributions Maine lawyers make to their communities through their pro bono service. Last year, the Court honored 127 attorneys from across Maine who participated in the program's inaugural year. Collectively, those attorneys provided more than 13,600 hours of pro bono service to needy clients in their communities, representing millions of dollars in free legal assistance.

The Katahdin Counsel Program focuses the public on the pivotal role that pro bono plays in maintaining the civil justice system. Participation in the Katahdin Counsel Recognition Program is completely voluntary. You qualify for recognition as a Katahdin Counsel if you have completed 50 or more hours of pro bono work between July 1, 2012, and June 30, 2013. To enroll, you simply need to complete the single-page form that is available at the sites below. The reporting deadline is September 15, 2013. Reporting is easily accomplished by submitting the verification form by mail or email; there is no requirement to provide specific dates and times of service.

The Supreme Judicial Court will sponsor recognition events at several locations across the state to coincide with National Pro Bono Week, October 19-26, 2013. The names of the lawyers who have qualified as Katahdin Counsel will be publicized through press releases, local events, and on the Judicial Branch website. Participating attorneys will receive a certificate and a Katahdin Counsel pin, and may use the honorific title of Katahdin Counsel and the Katahdin Counsel logo on their printed materials.

Media coverage of the Katahdin Counsel Recognition Program has been very positive, and we applaud the efforts of the County Bar Associations, who have been instrumental in organizing and supporting the Katahdin Counsel Recognition Program events. The Maine Supreme Judicial Court is also pleased to announce a new Katahdin Law Student Recognition Program, which has been created to encourage the ongoing pro bono services of our aspiring attorneys.

Please visit the Katahdin Counsel Recognition Program website at [www.courts.maine.gov](http://www.courts.maine.gov) or [http://www.courts.state.me.us/citizen\\_help/attorneys/katahdin/verification\\_form.pdf](http://www.courts.state.me.us/citizen_help/attorneys/katahdin/verification_form.pdf) for a verification form and additional information, and contact our Access to Justice Coordinator, Hanna Sanders, Esq., with questions at [katahdin@courts.maine.gov](mailto:katahdin@courts.maine.gov) or (207) 822-0703.

Best Regards,

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